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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Conciliation proceedings were held in the disputes. In the case of the New Globe Theatres, Ltd., Madras, the Government considered that there was no case for adjudication as the theatre was reported to have been incurring losses.

In the case of the Roxy Theatre, Madras, the claim of workers for provident fund and/or gratuity scheme and their security of service were referred for adjudication. As regards the other issues, the Government considered that there was no case for adjudication."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that some of the cinema theatre owners, in order to escape from the responsibilities of the implementation of the awards given by Tribunals, change the names of theatres and sometimes the names of the proprietors also? If so, may I know what action has been taken by him to safeguard the interests of the workers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have no such information with me. If the hon. Member could give me some particulars, I shall look into the matter."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that it was reported that the cinema proprietors were running the theatres at a loss. Is it the report of only the proprietors or has the matter been scrutinized and have the accounts of the theatres been scrutinized and verified by a representative of the Government as it is likely that made-up and make-believe statements may be put through by interested parties? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" When I said ' it was reported ', I only meant that it was reported by our labour officers."

Abolition of the sub-treasury at Vythiri, Wynaad taluk, Malabar.

* 123 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Vythiri sub-treasury, Wynaad taluk, Malabar, was shifted some time back to Manamtoddy; and

(b) the existing facilities in Vythiri sub-taluk for payment of Government money and cashing Government bills?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No. The Sub-Treasury at the place was abolished with effect from the 1st July 1954 and a Collection Depot was opened there.

" (b) The Government dues will be paid into the Collection Depot at Vythiri and the Government Bills will be encashed at the Manamtoddy Sub-treasury."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Manamtoddy sub-treasury is very far away and inasmuch as two dangerous ferries have got to be crossed, will the Government at least allow the cashing of bills in Vythiri as the elementary school teachers, who are a large number in these days, have no other facility to cash their bills? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If we allow the amendment of bills, it will virtually amount to a sub-treasury. We have to take this step because of the coming into force of the scheme of separation of the judiciary from the executive. If the hon. Member could suggest any other scheme, I shall look into it."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" It is not necessary that the separation of judiciary from the executive must inflict this sort of compensatory cruelty on school teachers. To-day, poor elementary school teachers from places near Gudalur have to travel 70 or 80 miles and spend three days to go to Manamtoddy and draw their pittance from the sub-treasury there. Therefore, may I know whether the Government will be prepared to re-establish the Vythiri sub-treasury? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member as a lawyer ought to know that when the separation of judiciary from the executive takes place, naturally the number of Deputy Tahsildars will go down."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government cannot make some arrangement to disburse the amount at Vythiri as only a clerk is necessary for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir. My information is that if we do it, it will virtually amount to the establishment of some sort of sub-treasury. If the hon. Member has got any other specific proposal in this regard, I shall look into it."

Harijan Day meeting at Perintalamanna, Malabar.

* 124 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Harijan Day meeting was arranged to be held on 31st October 1953 in Perintalamanna, Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district, by the concerned Government officers;

(*b*) whether the meeting was held; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A Harijan Day meeting was arranged to be held on the 30th October 1953 at the Board Elementary School (East), Perintalamanna. The meeting could not be held inside the building as the previous permission of the Special Officer, District Board, was